

# SAPLings

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## From the President



Dear Friends,

First of all, library budget news! Thank you to all our Friends **who contacted their City Council representative or County Commissioner**. San Antonio gave the library an extra five million dollars! This money will go for materials (books, CDs, etc.), technology (computers), and much-needed repairs to our Central Library and to some of the branches. Also, Bexar County decided to continue enabling its citizens who live in the county, but not in San Antonio, to use the library system for free. **Please take a minute to thank them all for recognizing the importance of our libraries.**

Secondly, I do hope you were able to attend our Arts and Letters Awards Ceremony on October 26. This year's honorees were **Cary Clack**—Writer (we all read his column in the *Express-News*) and **Terry Muska**—Musician (a renowned classical guitarist). They were presented by **Olga Samples Davis** and **Madalyn Blanchett**, respectively. We all enjoyed meeting these San Antonio creative geniuses, up close and personal!

I want to thank the Arts and Letters Committee for all their work to make this event memorable. They are: **Sheila Figueroa**, chairman, **Claudia Kohler**, and **Judy Wilson**. Thanks go out, also, to the Thousand Oaks Friends. They put together the lovely refreshments that we all enjoyed. Thank you, all of y'all!

Lastly, please read over the list of library programs on page 6. If you have ever wondered what the Friends do with your dues and donations—we give it to our library system. The money from you and the dollars we earn through the Book Cellar allowed us to give the library almost \$85,000 this year. This money went for programs, for staff development, and for technology. Of course, our many branch groups also give money to their branches. But the FOSAPL money goes to the library system as a whole. As one library staff person said to me, **"The tax money pays for the cake, and the Friends pay for the icing on the cake."**

*Your Friend,*  
**Linda Nairn**

## Arts & Letters Honors Clack and Muska

*On October 26, Friends of the San Antonio Public Library will present 2008 Arts and Letters Awards to **Cary Clack** and **Terry Muska**. First presented in 1972, the Arts and Letters Awards are presented annually by the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library to recognize and celebrate achievement by individuals who have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments in the arts and letters. Honorees include artists, writers, musicians, educators, community leaders, and entertainers whose dedication and devotion to their chosen fields have served to enrich the cultural and spiritual life of San Antonio.*

### Cary Clack

**C**ary Clack writes on local and national news, events, and social issues. Born in



San Antonio, he is a graduate of St. Gerard High School and St. Mary's University (1985 with a BA in Political Science). In the sum-

mer of 1984, he was a Scholar-Intern at the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change in Atlanta, and he wrote CNN commentaries for **Coretta Scott King**. From 1989–1995, he was a trainer in nonviolence at King Center workshops for high school and college students.

In 1986, he began working as a substitute teacher in the San Antonio Independent School District and writing columns for the *San Antonio Snap* and the *San Antonio Informer*.

In June of 1994, Clack began writing a biweekly column for the *San Antonio Express-News* and became a full-time staffer one year

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### Terry Muska

**B**orn in San Antonio in 1946, **Terry Muska** developed an early interest in music and a fascination with the guitar. Lessons with jazz-master **Spud Goodall** led to a deeper commitment, culminating in a desire to study the classical guitar, as exemplified by **Andres Segovia** and **Julian Bream**. Studies followed with Argentinian guitarist

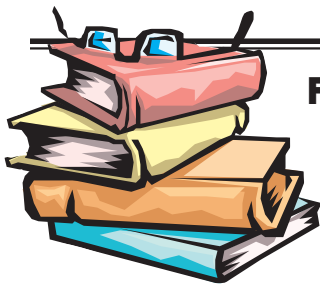


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**Manuel Lopez-Ramos** and Spanish master **Pepe Romero**.

Terry began teaching guitar privately in the San Antonio area in 1967, and, after some success, was offered positions at local colleges and universities, eventually accepting a full-time faculty position at San Antonio College. Taking students at

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## Friends of the San Antonio Public Library BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**September 21, 2008**

*Submitted by Sheila Figueroa, Secretary*

**Call to Order:** Linda Nairn, President, called the meeting to order at 2:12 p.m.

**Board of Directors and Officers present:** Linda Nairn, Bruce Gill, Sheila Figueroa, Nancy Gandara, Linda Arronge, Aaron Konstam, Claudia Kohler, Rowena Rodgers, Robbie Ruppert, Judy Wilson, Shirley Davis, Dorothy Smith, Mary McAfee (Past President)

**Branch Representatives:** Carol Van Cleave, Sue Ratliff, Alan Hildreth, Richard O. Morales, Leila Hileman, Cathy Dean, Kathleen McCloskey, Pat Peak

**Others Present:** Jean Brady, library board chairman

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

### REPORTS:

#### **President's Report:**

Linda Nairn reported that, in the past two months, she has attended San Antonio City Council budget meetings for the library. Linda was very pleased with the outcome. County and City people were contacted—she spoke with City Council. Linda reported that her daughter is due to have a baby in a few weeks in Katy, Texas. Her grandson is now sixteen months old. Linda also reported that Denise Barlow, the President of the Friends of the Great Northwest (not affiliated with FOSAPL), joined as a Life Member. We welcome her!!!

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Nancy Gandara distributed a report as of Aug. 31, 2008.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted and filed for audit.

#### **Library Board:** Jean

Brady thanked the Friends for their support of the budget process. Jean especially appreciated people contacting the City Council, the Count Commissioners, etc. Of the 5 million dollars above the amount that was budgeted last year, 1.2 million is for operating, 1.5 million is for books and materials and the remaining is for computers (technology). The library has begun a pilot program with laptop computers. Other money will be used for capital improvements. The Central Library needs repairs. Roofs and HVAC need to be replaced at some of the branch libraries. \$250,000 is for a facilities study project. Jean reported that the County is 15% of total circulation. There is also a "Million Cards" campaign through the City Council.

Linda Nairn reported for Sarah Swinney. Linda reminded us that the Library Foundation's 25th anniversary gala will be held on Sept. 26. Linda will be attending that event. Linda reminded us of the NEA grant that was given for travel for color posters for a traveling exhibit. The color posters are part of those archived at the SAPL (40 of them!). They were printed by the U.S. government during WWI to promote patriotism. It is entitled **The Winds and Words of War: Posters and Prints from the San Antonio Library Collection**. The opening reception will be held October 2 from 6–8 p.m. There will be a series of lec-

tures and film and a musical tribute to WWI as well. The exhibition will then begin its national tour in Chicago, Illinois, at the end of October. Linda also reported that the library sponsored a talk at Carver Cultural Center featuring Greg Mortenson. He wrote *Three Cups of Tea*. He said the secret to peace is education. It was a very interesting program.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Arts and Letters:** Sheila Figueroa stated that the Arts and Letters Awards Ceremony will be held on Sunday, Oct. 26, at 2 p.m. in the Central Library Auditorium. Sheila recognized the committee members, Claudia Kohler, Judy Wilson, and Linda Nairn, Ex-Officio. Sheila stated that the two honorees for this year's ceremony are Mr. Cary Clack, *Express-News* columnist, and Mr. Terry Muska, classical guitarist. Linda Nairn asked for volunteers to provide the refreshments for the Arts and Letters Awards. It was determined that the Thousand Oaks Friends would provide the refreshments.

**Book Cellar:** Aaron Konstam reported the good news that the Book Cellar had made approximately \$62,000. He reported that the bad news is there are fewer volunteers on the weekend, and the Book Cellar is in danger of closing on the weekends. Aaron reported that Saturdays are one of the best days for the Book Cellar and additional volunteers are

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The Friends, inaugurated March 23, 1964, promote public use of the San

Antonio Public Library and appreciation of its value as a cultural and educational asset to the community and encourage the extension and improvement of its services.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Linda Nairn ..... President  
Bruce Gill ..... Vice President  
Nancy Gandara ..... Treasurer  
Sheila Figueroa ..... Secretary  
Mary McAfee ..... Immediate Past Pres

### BOARD MEMBERS

#### **2006–2008 Term**

Anna Cleve • Alan Cutler  
Teresa Garza • Pat Konstam  
Josie Martinez • Janie Oosterveen  
Ronnie Retzliff

#### **2007–2009 Term**

Linda Arronge • Vera Banner  
Pat Brown • Lou Harris  
Claudia Kohler • Aaron Konstam  
Pat Mendiola • Rowena Rodgers  
Evanleen Schmuckle  
Judy Wilson

### SAPLINGS

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### NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

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Nancy Gandara • Bruce Gill  
Rowena Rodgers  
Linda Nairn, Ex Officio  
Mary McAfee, Distribution

**Article contributions for publishing in the newsletter are always welcome!**

**The deadline for submitting articles and photos to SAPLings is the 15th of the month**

**(February 15, April 15, June 15, August 15, October 15, and December 15)**

Articles to be submitted should be a simple text file or in Word or WordPerfect. Please email files and photos to Alana Woods at <awoods@swri.org> and Cathy Dean at <ca-dean@sbcglobal.net>. Hard copy articles and photos should be mailed to Alana Woods at Southwest Research Institute, 6220 Culebra Rd., 78238.



# BRANCH LEAVES

News from  
Support Groups

## Brook Hollow

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 18, 7 p.m. in the meeting room at Brook Hollow. We need to set dates for the spring book sale and our annual staff appreciation dinner. This will also be a good time for anyone who has not seen the new, improved staff kitchen to do so. The profits from some of our book sales allowed us to totally redo the kitchen, which had not seen any improvements since the library opened years ago.

We have cancelled our fall book sale, which was scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 15. Our spring book sale will be early, probably the end of March. Of course, we continue to accept donations year round.

*Pat Bjornson*

## Cody

Cody will be closed for repairs starting Nov. 10 and ending approximately Nov. 24. Our October Book Sale brought in \$3,100. Part of the book sale was a raffle for a beautiful Madeleine doll. The raffle was the idea of one of our Board members, **Mickey Tehan**, and she put a lot of work into it. Thank you, Mickey!

**Ramona Lucius** has been replaced by **Dorothy Blow**. **Sarah Carolan** went from Circulation to Library Assistant, and **Sheila Acosta** is the new Children's Librarian.

Finally, early voting will be Oct. 20–31.

*Carol Van Cleave*

## Collins Garden

National Night Out was a great success. **Richard** and **Dora Morales**, representing Collins Garden Friends, gave out information and recruited new Friends for FOSAPL.

Collins Garden Friends are having a get-together on Nov. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at Collins Garden Library (200 N. Park). Everyone is invited to come and meet the library staff.

Everyone at Collins Garden sends all our Friends their wishes for a miraculously wonderful and safe Thanksgiving and Holiday Season.

*Richard O. Morales*

## Guerra

Guerra will hold their book sale on Nov. 8, 9–4, and Nov. 9, 1–4. Books make wonderful presents.

*Lora Devlin*

## Igo

A successful one-day book sale can be judged by the following: income of over \$2,300, a comment by an attendee, "This is the most organized book sale I've ever

attended," and recruiting 5 new members. So went the first fall book sale of the Friends of the Igo Branch (FIBBERS) on Sept. 13. All the work sorting and classifying the books into various broad categories really paid off. **Claudia Kohler** found some inexpensive children's orange road cones that her husband cut to hold subject signs. Volunteers from other Friends groups, **Maxine Severson**, **Cynthia Talboys**, and **Linda Arronge**, really pitched in and helped out. At our meeting on Oct. 4, we decided to hold another book sale on Feb. 21–22.

The FIBBERS invite you to the library's First Birthday Party on Dec. 6 from 10–4. Planned activities include a story hour, a magician, choir and band presentations by groups from nearby schools, celebration with cake and punch, and the unveiling of a photograph of **John Igo** that has been donated to the library. Please put it on your calendar and join us.

**Haley Holmes** and other Igo staff played a major role in the system-wide Staff Development day on Sept. 26. We saw excerpts of the videos prepared for the meeting and now available on YouTube. Go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VltWCYN2m64>

to see the San Antonio Public Library Book Cart Drill Team perform. You'll be tapping your toes!! We have no doubt that the success of the day-long get-together was due in part to Igo staff's contributions. Four staff development awards went to Igo staff members: **Michelle Ricondo**—Outstanding Team for Staff Development Day Committee 2007, **Guillermo Ortega**—Outstanding Team for all Facilities workers, **Rhonda Woolhouse**—Fan Favorite: Outstanding Programming Series, Special Event or Program: National Pet Week; **Haley Holmes**—Outstanding Overall Contribution. Kudos and congratulations to our outstanding staff.

*Kathleen McCloskey  
Claudia Kohler*

## Johnston

### Upcoming Flag Ceremony

On Nov. 10 at 4 p.m., we will have a dedication ceremony for our new flag pole and the presentation of our colors, along with our recognition of those who made this possible. After that, we will retire inside for a concert by the Air Force Band of the West from Lackland Air

Force Base. This part of the celebration will last from 4:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m. We invite all who are veterans, current service members, and their families to share in our ceremony of thanks.

Our branch manager, **Richard Fields**, and children's librarian,

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*Igo's early morning crowd.*

**Karen Sebesta**, and all the staff are congratulated for their outstanding leadership!

### Book Sale

Our quarterly book sale will be held Dec. 5 (Fri.) and 6 (Sat.) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you would like to help us out, please stop by Dec. 4 (Thurs.) for setup. This will give you an opportunity to view the outstanding selection prior to the sale, and we do have an outstanding selection!! If you can't help with the set up, we always need assistance with packing up the remaining books immediately following the sale.

*Lori A. Taylor*

### Maverick

Fall is always busy at the Maverick Library. Children's storytimes have resumed after a short summer break. There were several special programs, including a Salsa Dance Class, to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. The book discussion groups continue to meet. Wednesday Reading Club is at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month, Teen Readers meet from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on the

third Tuesday, and Ladies' Choice is at 10 a.m. on the last Saturday.

Maverick Friends have been busy, too. We bought 8 tables for the library, and then borrowed them for our book sale. This was our first two-day sale. Thanks to our great volunteers, we made a bit over \$3,100. Now we are eagerly awaiting a wish list from our library staff.

*Sue Ratliff*

### McCreless

During September, children and adults alike were charmed by the performance of children's author and folklorist, **Margaret Read McDonald**, at McCreless Branch. **Cathy Dean** represented the Friends group at this event and at McCreless Library's National Night Out in October (pictures on page 5). Branch Manager **Cammie Gunter** planned a family coloring and game night for the evening, and a donation of \$100 from the Friends group for the event provided flyers and refreshments. To provide the funds, the Friends group holds several book sales a year. The book sale held in

October raised \$405, which will go to supporting upcoming holiday events and needs of the library. Please continue supporting the book sales through volunteering and/or getting the word out about the sales.

The next membership meeting will be held Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 7 p.m. in the branch meeting room. Members are encouraged to bring a friend to the meeting. McCreless Friends Group President, **Evanleen Schmueckle**, can be reached at 210-534-4732 if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions.

*Jill Zimmerman*

### Semmes

The Semmes Friends and staff have had a great start to what promises to be a hectic but fun-filled Fall.

**Margaret Read MacDonald**, folklorist, storyteller, and author, was at Semmes on Sunday, Sept. 7 at 3 p.m. Her "storytelling concert" was followed by a book sale and autograph session. Check out her website ([MargaretRead-MacDonald.com](http://MargaretRead-MacDonald.com)) and listen to some of the audio selections, and you'll

understand the expressions of concentration and enjoyment in the pictures of the audience (on page 7)!

On Sunday, Sept. 21, Semmes hosted the monthly meeting of the FOSAPL Board, and on Sept. 27, the Friends held its fall book sale. We have com-

mented that each sale to date has its own personality, and this was true of our September sale. We had a wonderful and large selection of children's books plus a great variety of books in great condition in all the usual subjects. As the sale wound down, we were amazed that, for the very first time, we actually sold almost every item we had! In addition to bringing in a very respectable sum of receipts, the few leftovers made break-down of the sale a snap.

On Nov. 8, we'll carry on with our 'tradition' of celebrating the library's birthday from 11-12:30. We'll have music, food, and entertainment, and we hope to see you here! And also mark your calendars and bring your little ones, because on Dec 6, we'll have our annual Christmas Tree Decorating Party from 11-2. Again, music, food, crafts to make your decorations, and perhaps a visit from Santa's sage elf...

*Christie Smith*

### Texana/Genealogy

The Friends of Texana/Genealogy will hold a short business meeting on Saturday morning, Nov. 1, at 9 a.m. in the Central Library Auditorium to elect a new leader. After serving as president for the better part of thirteen years (with time off under **Bob Harris'** capable leadership), I am invoking term limits and stepping down! Our group has a large and loyal membership and the potential of growing—both in numbers and projects. Department Director

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*Maverick Friends fill up 8 new tables they purchased for their 5th book sale.*



**Frank Faulkner** and I have been working to identify a person with both a passion for local and regional history and the ability and willingness to serve. A candidate has stepped forward and is excited about assuming the reins if elected. Please join us for this brief meeting which will include updated reports and the election. Nominations from the floor are welcome. Our meeting immediately precedes the monthly meeting of Los Bejarenos, which will begin at 9:30, and all are invited to stay for their program. Helping to found and lead the Friends of Texana/Genealogy since the department's creation at the new Central Library in 1995 has been a wonderful experience. I will continue to help with our annual book sale and "other duties as assigned." Many thanks to all who have helped support this wonderful department! Don't forget to look for up-to-date news of fall/winter programs in the department's electronic newsletter, the *South Texas Researcher*, at [www.sanantonio.gov/library/texana](http://www.sanantonio.gov/library/texana).

Our next book sale will be held on Feb. 14.

*Maria Watson Pfeiffer*

## **Tobin Library at Oakwell**

The September book sale was the most successful ever. Many thanks to all the volunteers who made this possible, and especially to our book sale Chairperson **Pat De Pasquale**.

We have recently added new people to our board: **Arline Braswell, Janet Goddard, and Edward Sagebiel**. They bring a common love

of books and new enthusiasm to our group. Welcome aboard!

In line with our policy of helping to fund special programs for the library, we voted at our September meeting to sponsor free Yoga classes from 6 to 7 p.m. on Monday evenings for the rest of 2008. Participants report that teacher **Debbie Reid** is excellent, and they find the classes an excellent way to relax and unwind after a busy day. We hope you will join us.

Tobin's beloved librarian, **Wendy Friedman**, retired in October after twenty-six years with the San Antonio Public Library System. The library staff and the Friends joined forces to honor her with a reception on Thursday afternoon, October 9. Many of her friends from Central Library and other branches joined us. (See pictures, page 9.) Wendy promised to remain involved with the library through our Friends group. We wish her all the best in retirement.

Our annual membership meeting was held Saturday, Oct. 18, at 2 p.m. A panel discussion with representatives from the Library Foundation, Library Board, and Friends of San Antonio Public Library was followed by election of officers for 2009.

Our next book sale will be held on Saturday, Nov. 15, with a preview sale for all members of FOSAPL Friday afternoon, Nov. 14. See you then.

*Joan Hildreth*

## **McCreless National Night Out**

**McCreless** said "Let the games begin" at their first National Night Out. Branch Manager **Cammie Gunter** (below) and staffer **Ben Longoria** (right) got the activities going.



## **Nominating Committee**

*Sue Ratliff*

The Nominating Committee is seeking members to fill two-year terms on the Executive Board (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) or the Board of Directors.

If you want to be considered for one of these positions or to nominate a Friend, please contact one of the following committee members before November 15:

- ♦ Cathy Dean, 210-333-3343 or [ca-dean@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ca-dean@sbcglobal.net)
- ♦ Richard Morales, 210-639-8549 or [quirt1958@yahoo.com](mailto:quirt1958@yahoo.com)
- ♦ Dorothy Smith, 210-224-8444
- ♦ Judy Wilson, 210-656-9409 or [mypocobanana@yahoo.com](mailto:mypocobanana@yahoo.com)
- ♦ Sue Ratliff (Chair), 210-521-1467 or [s-ratliff@sbcglobal.net](mailto:s-ratliff@sbcglobal.net)

**Have a Safe  
and Happy  
Holiday Season!**

## Clack

later as a general assignment reporter and weekly columnist. Since then, he has written features for the *Express-News*, won the Dallas Press Club's Katie Award for Best General Column, became the first African-American on the *Express-News* Editorial Board in 1998, was named one of the *San Antonio Business Journal's* "40 Under 40: Rising Stars of San Antonio" also in 1998, and in July of 2000, became a Metro columnist (the city's first black Metro columnist).

In January of 2006, his column moved to *SA Life* where it runs on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.

## Muska

all levels, from beginner to advanced, Muska has helped to inspire and develop aspiring guitarists of multiple generations.

As a performer, he has been certified for over 30 years, including performances for heads of state and international celebrities. He has performed premieres of many important works for guitar, including new compositions by **Michael Fink, Gerard Jaffee, William Thornton, Peter Carey, and Alice Gomez.**

Muska has recorded eight albums of classical guitar music on compact disc: *The Tarrega Legacy*, *Spanish Missions of San Antonio*, *Seville to Santa Fe*, *The Guitars of Carmen*, *In a Spanish Garden*, *Siesta Suite*, *Instrument of Thy Peace*, and *Vihuela Fantasies*.

Today, Terry is an Associate Professor in the Department of Music at San Antonio College where he initiated the Classical Guitar program in 1975. He teaches Private and Class Guitar and directs the College Guitar Ensemble.

## 2008 Programs Supported by FOSAPL

A Way Out  
Adult reading program party  
Adult Summer Reading  
African Batik Craft  
ALA Annual Conference  
Are You Covered?  
Are You Ready to Buy a Home?  
Banned Book Readout  
Basic Investment Strategies  
Big Read author visit  
Black History Month  
Brazilian Capoeira  
Breaking Dawn check out party  
Breaking Dawn party  
Brook Hollow programming  
Button making  
Candy-filled hearts  
Carver furniture  
Cecil Carter duet  
Cesar Chavez celebration  
Cesar Chavez panel discussion  
Chavez March Banner  
Chess Tournament  
Child Abuse Prevention  
Christmas celebration craft  
College Prep & Scholarship Tips  
Dance classes  
Dr. Claudia Johnson  
Dueto Aztlan  
Elderly Abuse Prevention  
Event displays  
Family fun with Snake Connection  
Financial aid assistance  
Focus Group  
Gallery Reception—Chris Jordan  
Game Days/Nights  
GameFest  
Gaming  
Genealogy Lock-In  
Greg Mortenson lecture  
Guerra Publicity  
Halloween Party  
Halloween pumpkin carving  
Hansel & Gretel Family Fun  
Herb Program  
Hispanic Heritage  
Hispanic Heritage 2008  
Houston Street Fairs  
How to Get Out of Debt  
Knit- Crochet Group  
Knit Out & Crochet Too!  
Library Champion awards  
Library Orientation  
Libro appearances  
Liza Ybarra, Hispanic Heritage  
Loteria Night  
Manuel H. Pena  
Mark Shepherd Rain Forest  
Mexican-Texans Tex-Kit  
Mike Cruz: Magic Shows  
Oral history  
Organize Storage Space  
Paper Picado  
Patent & Trademark seminar  
Pet Week at Igo  
Pie Tasting Contest  
Pipe Cleaner Creatures  
Political Activism: La Raza  
Posters to promote SAPL CMS  
Preschool Storytelling

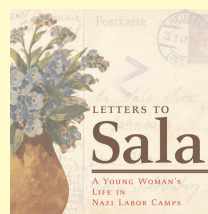
Purly Gates: Texas Songs  
Read for the Gold  
River Rock Sculpture program  
Roadmap to Certification  
Rock the Vote  
Salsa Dance Classes  
SCORE/SAPL partnership  
Scrapbooking  
Sept. 26, Staff Development Day  
Siempre Salsa  
Snake Connection—Susan  
Snakes Alive  
Soulijah  
Sports Bracelets  
Summer 2008 & Reuse  
Summer Cinema  
Summer Reading 2008  
Tabletop Olympics  
TALL Texans Leadership  
Teen Eco-Summer 2008  
Teen Fashion Show  
Teen Movie Day  
Teen Read Week  
Teen Spring  
Teen Thursdays  
Texas Pastel Society  
Texas Public Relations  
Umoja Circle presents BHM  
Video Gaming Programs  
What is Jazz?  
Women's Art display  
Women's History Month  
Write Where you Live workshop  
Young Pegasus reception

### Letters to Sala—A Young Woman's Life in Nazi Labor Camps

**Exhibit Dates: Nov. 9–Dec. 30**

The Library Foundation is currently seeking sponsorship for the Letters to Sala exhibition scheduled to open at the Central Library on Sunday, Nov. 9. Foundation Co-Chairs **Glenda Alter, John Kosecoff** and **Janet Alyn** are busy working with the staff to raise the needed funds to underwrite the cost of bringing the exhibition to San Antonio, as well as the related educational programming that will be created for this important event.

For sponsorship information, please call the Foundation (210-225-4728, ext. 11).



### Don't show me the money—yet!

The workshop that had been planned for Oct. 25th was postponed, but will be rescheduled for the Spring or Summer of 2009. Please let any member of the FOSAPL Board know if you have suggestions for topics to be covered, or if you want to assist in planning the workshop.



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## Margaret Read MacDonald at Semmes

**M**argaret Read MacDonald, folklorist, storyteller, and author, was at Semmes, Central Library, Maverick, McCreless, and Forest Hills, Saturday and Sunday, September 6–7. Her “storytelling concert” was followed by a book sale and autograph session. Check out her website ([MargaretReadMacDonald.com](http://MargaretReadMacDonald.com)) and listen to some of the audio selections, and you'll understand the expressions of concentration and enjoyment in the faces of her audience. Thanks to Semmes for the great photos.





needed!! He welcomed suggestions and ideas as to what to do to alleviate the problem of fewer and fewer volunteers. On Sept. 26, the second annual volunteer luncheon will be held at Los Patios. The Book Cellar gave 8 boxes of children's books to Port San Antonio. **Claudia Kohler** reported that the Igo branch also donated books to Port San Antonio.

**Membership:** **Claudia Kohler** reported that there are 871 paid members. The renewal notices will be mailed in late October.

**Memorials/Honorariums:** **Sheila Figueroa** had no report.

**Newsletter:** **Mary McAfee** reported 746 newsletters were mailed. **Cathy Dean** invited comments, and **Claudia Kohler** made the suggestion that in the newsletter, under the Branch Leaves information, it would be helpful if the branches would give the times and dates of their meetings. Cathy welcomes color photos for the newsletter. Another suggestion was made to add a line for e-mail addresses on the membership renewal envelopes.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

**Linda Nairn** stated that a workshop/meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 25, from 9:30 to 2:30 at the Westfall Branch Library to discuss and share ideas about member recruitment, fundraising, book sales publicity, how to apply for and write grants, tax exempt accounts, how to plan a big purchase, and other topics. If anyone has other ideas, please contact **Nancy Gandara**. Linda requested a photographer and refreshment committee. **Linda Arronge** volunteered to help with the refreshments. **Mary McAfee** moved to allow up to \$400 be available for the workshop's use. **Kathleen McCloskey** seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed.

**Linda Nairn** requested that a Nominating Committee be formed to begin the process to obtain a slate of board members and officers. The following have agreed to

serve: **Sue Ratliff**, Chair, **Nancy Gandara**, **Judy Wilson**, **Richard Morales**, **Shirley Davis**.

The Budget Committee was formed. The members are **Nancy Gandara**, Chair, **Linda Nairn**, Ex-officio, **Aaron Konstam**, **Bruce Gill**, **Virginia Bowden** and **Judy Wilson**. The budget will be presented at the November meeting for approval.

#### Branch News and Announcements:

**Carver** will have a book sale on Nov. 8. A style show was held at the Barbara Jordan Center where both men and women participated. The members furnished the refreshments. On Sept. 20, books were sold at Comanche Park. **Collins Garden** will set up an information table on Oct. 7 for National Night Out from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. for a membership drive. A book sale will be held Oct. 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Their next meeting is Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. **Cody** will have a book sale on Oct. 11.

**Igo** had a book sale that brought in 5 new members and made over \$2,300. Staff is involved in training. They gave books to hurricane evacuees as well. **Maverick** has a book sale scheduled for Oct. 4 and 5. They bought 8 tables for their branch. **McCreless** has a book sale scheduled for Sept. 22. **Tobin at Oakwell** had a book sale on Sept. 20 that was very well attended. They also added 5 or 6 new members. **Semmes** bought a \$300 Best Buy gift card and purchased video games and Guitar Hero, a rechargeable battery, and a Narnia game. Their third anniversary will be celebrated the first Saturday in November with a birthday party, and the first Saturday in December will be the tree decorating. A book sale is scheduled for Sept 26.

**Linda Nairn** suggested we write "thank you" cards to the City Council, the Mayor and City Manager, and the County Commissioners for their support with the budget.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

## Book Cellar News

Pat Konstam



Thirty-one Book Cellar workers enjoyed a Volunteer Appreciation Lunch at the Gazebo at Los Patios on Sept. 26. Thanks to **Lucille Teeter** and **Linda Arronge** for making the arrangements.

**Vera Banner** and **Linda Arronge** staffed a volunteer recruitment table for the Book Cellar at the Sept. 27 Youth Service Summit sponsored by City Year at UTSA Downtown Campus. The event urged high school and college-age young people to sign up as community service volunteers at a non-profit agency of their choice. Several signed up as potential Book Cellar volunteers and even more were glad to learn about the store.

After 17 years on the Book Cellar Committee, **Jeanne Papa** has resigned from the committee for family reasons. Thankfully, she is not resigning from her long-time key position on the Book Cellar Saturday volunteer staff. "It wouldn't be a Saturday unless I come" to the Book Cellar, Jeanne said. She has served on the committee since it was formed in 1991 to oversee the newly opened Book Cellar, then located in the basement of Hertzberg Circus Library. Jeanne is an internationally recognized expert in porcelain decoration, specializing in painting and firing authentic castles, botanical mushrooms, and botanical flowers on delicate porcelain ware. Over the years, she has convinced a long list of fellow porcelain decorators to join her in working at the Book Cellar on Saturdays.

**Judy Wilson** has been selected as a new member of the Book Cellar Committee.

Book Cellar manager **Monica Hernandez** will demonstrate making crafts, such as dolls, from old books at Texas Recycles Day, Nov. 15, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Woodlawn Lake Park.

Holiday books for adults and children—crafts, cooking, decorating, songs and stories—at regular or premium prices will be the Book Cellar's featured items in November and December.

For holiday shopping, the Book Cellar is an excellent source of affordable gifts. In addition to withdrawn library books, the store carries new or new-looking books donated by individuals, commercial book stores and publishers. It also has book dolls, CDs, tapes, videos, LP records, antiquarian books, coffee table and art books, and books on all kinds of hobbies and interests. Your purchases help support library staff training and development, along with other projects.

The Book Cellar will be closed on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday for Thanksgiving, Nov. 26-28; Christmas, Dec. 24-26; and New Year's, Dec. 31-Jan. 2.



## Book Cellar Volunteer Appreciation Lunch



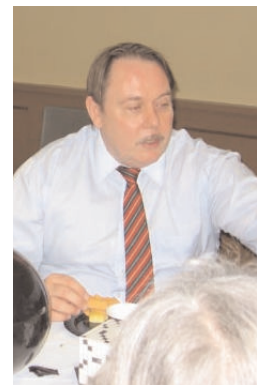
## Tobin Library at Oakwell Bids Wendy Friedman Good-bye



**Pat DePasquale, Joan Hildreth, Alethea Bugg**



**Wendy Friedman and Fern Burke**



Above: **Wendy** and her crossword puzzle cake. Above right: Emcee **Rick Reeves**. Below: Wendy with Interim Asst. Director **Kendra Trachta** (left)



Left: **Joel Bangilan**, Wendy's boss. Above: **Wendy, Kendra Trachta**, and colleagues



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## Form for Gifts, Donations, and Memorials

Honor a loved one with a remembrance for birthdays, anniversaries, or "just because." It can also be a wonderful, thoughtful, and lasting way to honor the memory of a relative or friend.

If you do not want to make a contribution at this time, clip this form and save it for the appropriate occasion.

I would like to make the following donation:

- ☐ In honor of    ☐ In memory of
- ☐ Special event (birthday, graduation, etc.)

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City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (All donations are tax deductible.)

### Acknowledgement to:

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City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### My Name and Address:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out in full, make your check payable to:

Friends of the San Antonio Public Library  
and mail to: **Sheila Figueroa**, Chair, Gifts, Donations,  
& Memorials

Friends of the San Antonio Public Library (FOSAPL)  
P.O. Box 461523, San Antonio, Texas 78246



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## FRIENDS of the SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Individual (Adult)                      \$ 15

\_\_\_\_ Dual (Adult)                              \$ 25

\_\_\_\_ Individual (Teen, Ages 13-18)        \$ 5

\_\_\_\_ Patron (Per Person)                    \$ 50

\_\_\_\_ Contributing (Per Person)            \$100

\_\_\_\_ Life (Per Person)                        \$250

\_\_\_\_ New Member

\_\_\_\_ Renewal

Branch Group \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Do not include my phone number in the Friends' directory.

\_\_\_\_ I'd like to volunteer at the Book Cellar (used book store).

\_\_\_\_ Please call me: I'd like to be an active participant.

**MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO: Friends of the San Antonio Public Library (or FOSAPL).**  
**Your contribution is tax deductible.**

and mail to:

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P.O. Box 461523  
San Antonio, Texas 78246

(Note: Membership is from Jan. 1—Dec. 31. Members receive a renewal notice in early Dec.)



# INCOME AND EXPENSE DETAILS

August 31, 2008

Submitted by Nancy Gandara

	Budget	Jul/Aug 08	FOSAPL YTD	Groups YTD
<b>Income</b>				
Book Cellar Sales/Group Book Sales	\$73,000	\$13,359.76	\$60,222.80	\$41,678.13
Donations	\$3,500	\$360.00	\$1,310.00	\$3,062.80
Interest	\$6,450	\$825.99	\$3,178.89	
Membership	\$10,000	\$1,140.00	\$12,348.00	\$3,467.00
FOSAPL Income	\$92,950	\$15,685.75	\$77,059.69	
<b>Branch/Groups Income</b>				<b>\$48,207.93</b>
Transfer from Savings	\$33,431		\$50,000.00	
Assets to be Used During 2008	\$126,381			
<b>Expenses</b>				
Accounting	\$2,250		\$250.00	
Arts and Letters	\$400			
Bank Charges	\$150	\$12.00	\$73.40	
Book Cellar Expenses				
Advertising	\$2,000		\$480.00	
Booksale(s) Expenses	\$500	\$100.27	\$100.27	\$821.16
Commodities for resale	\$600	\$439.00	\$439.00	
Equipment and Maintenance	\$2,500		\$2,348.91	
Internet & software	\$100	\$39.99	\$39.99	
Printing/copying	\$300		\$42.00	
Recruitment of volunteer workers	\$250		\$68.37	
Salary & benefits	\$7,200	\$1,180.00	\$4,720.00	
Volunteer Appreciation	\$500		\$98.70	
Water service	\$456		\$36.75	
Branch/Group Operating Expenses				\$202.65
Bulk Mail	\$1,000		\$175.00	\$106.78
FOLUSA Membership	\$100		\$100.00	
FOSAPL Committee Expenses	\$300		\$317.52	
FOSAPL Donor Recognition	\$1,000			
Friends recognition	\$300			
Insurance (bonding)	\$125			
Library Support				
Equipment To Be Determined	\$5,000		\$3,647.90	\$19,772.88
Programming for public [all year, all ages]	\$40,000		\$20,000.00	\$4,207.08
Staff development & training	\$40,000		\$34,283.00	
Memorial gifts for FOSAPL				
Life Members no funding amt.			\$100.00	
Various Branch/Group Purchases				\$17,381.31
Mail Box	\$100		\$52.00	
Newsletter Prep/Editing	\$1,800	\$300.00	\$1,200.00	
Newsletter Printing	\$2,800	\$299.43	\$2,103.33	
Office Supplies	\$1,500		\$363.42	
Parking	\$4,000	\$1,146.00	\$3,271.75	
Postage	\$400		\$221.56	
President's Expenses	\$350		\$145.00	
Sales Tax (Book Cellar and Branches)	\$10,000	\$1,747.12	\$7,859.40	
Seed Money for New Groups	\$400		\$200.00	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$126,381</b>	<b>\$5,263.81</b>	<b>\$82,737.27</b>	<b>\$42,491.86</b>

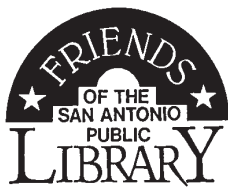
## Branch & Special Interest Group Funds August 31, 2008

Accounts	Balance
CompassBank Money Market Account	\$91,599.84
Money Market Gold Account	\$92,233.08
Checking Account	\$7,274.95
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$191,107.87</b>
Branch-designated Funds	\$87,087.03
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$87,087.03</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$104,020.84</b>

Branch & Special-Interest Group Funds	8/31/08
Bazan	\$1,775.97
Brook Hollow	\$9,286.75
Carver	\$3,126.03
Cody	\$7,372.14
Collins Garden	\$286.90
Forest Hills	\$3,171.51
Guerra	\$2,995.37
Igo	\$773.60
Johnston	\$2,076.27
Landa (pending official formation)	\$150.00
Maverick	\$4,492.18
McCreless	\$2,879.71
Memorial	\$5,268.35
Tobin-at-Oakwell	\$11,231.32
Semmes	\$2,631.73
Texana/Genealogy	\$17,104.96
Thousand Oaks	\$4,346.28
Westfall	\$4,607.12
Writers [currently inactive]	\$3,510.84
<b>Total Group Funds</b>	<b>\$87,087.03</b>

**Don't miss the  
FOSAPL Annual  
General Meeting!**

**January 18, 2009,  
2:00 p.m.  
Central Auditorium**



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## CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

*Because dates and times change occasionally, please call and verify information.*

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|----------------|--|
| Nov. 8         | Carver Book Sale   |
| Nov. 8         | Semmes Birthday Party, 11–12:30.   |
| Nov. 8–9       | Guerra Book Sale, Sat. 9–4, Sun. 1–4   |
| Nov. 10        | Johnston Flag Pole Dedication Ceremony, 4 p.m.                               |
| Nov. 15        | Cancelled—Brook Hollow Book Sale   |
| Nov. 15        | Tobin Library at Oakwell Book Sale, 10–4, (preview for FOSAPL Nov. 14, 1–4). |
| <b>Nov. 16</b> | <b>FOSAPL Board Meeting, 2 p.m., Igo Library</b>                             |
| Nov. 26–28     | Book Cellar closed for Thanksgiving Holiday                                  |
| Dec. 5–6       | Johnston Book Sale, 10–4   |
| Dec. 6         | Semmes Christmas Tree Decorating Party, 11–2.                                |
| Dec. 6         | Igo First Birthday Party, 10–4   |
| Dec. 24–26     | Book Cellar closed for Christmas Holiday                                     |
| Dec. 30–Jan. 2 | Book Cellar closed for New Year's Holiday                                    |
| <b>Jan. 18</b> | <b>FOSAPL Annual General Meeting, 2 p.m., Central Auditorium</b>             |

Carver Library  
3350 E. Commerce St, 78220  
210-225-7801

Central Library  
600 Soledad Street, 78205  
210-207-2500

Guerra Library  
7978 Military Drive W, 78227  
210-673-1492

Igo Library  
13330 Kyle Seale Pkwy, 78249  
210-561-6113 (also TTY)

Johnston Library  
6307 Sun Valley, 78227  
210-674-8410

Semmes Library  
15060 Judson Rd., 78247  
210-650-9540

Tobin Library at Oakwell Library  
4134 Harry Wurzbach Rd, 78209  
210-828-2569

**Note:** Each branch Friends group has a designated representative to the Board. However, these Board meetings are open to the general membership. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.